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Pennsylvania's Vegetable Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 12, 2010 --- Vegetable processors in **Pennsylvania** have contracted 10,500 acres of snap beans in 2010, up 46 percent from the 7,200 acres contracted in 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Pennsylvania's forecasts based on the 2010 July Fresh Market Vegetable Survey indicate that harvested acreage for fresh market sweet corn will be unchanged from 2009, while fresh market tomato acreage is up 100 acres. Fresh market sweet corn acres for harvest are forecast at 14,400 and tomato acres for harvest are forecast at 1,800.

United States **processors** have contracted 1.09 million acres to be planted to the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This is down 11 percent from last year. Acreage declined for all 5 major processed vegetables. Contracted green pea acreage, at 180,400 is down 15 percent. Green pea contracted production, at 351,480 tons, is down 20 percent from 2009. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.9 million tons, down 7 percent from 2009.

At the United States level, prospective acreage for harvest of 11 selected **fresh market vegetables** during the summer quarter in the major producing states is forecast to be 266,900 acres, up 3 percent from last year. Acreage increases in cabbage, sweet corn, cucumbers, bell peppers, and tomatoes more than offset acreage declines in snap beans, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower. Celery and head lettuce area remains unchanged. Area forecast for melon harvest is 89,100 acres, down 2 percent from last year. Cantaloupe area is forecast at 28,900 acres, 1 percent above 2009. Honeydew area, at 10,000 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Watermelon area, at 50,200 acres, is down 3 percent from a year ago.

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